

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's amendment found in the Notice of Allowability dated July 15, 2004, Applicants' attorney has amended the claims as indicated above. These amendments are intended to clarify the Examiner's amendment found in the Notice of Allowability. It is respectfully requested that these amendments be entered under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312 without withdrawing the application from issue.

The Issue Fee has not yet been paid.

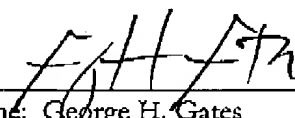
Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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